

ADDRESS BY MISS SUSANNA COCROFT.

Mr. RANDELL. I ask consent to have published in the RECORD a very valuable address on the Nation's health delivered before the National Conservation Congress last year by Miss Susanna Cocroft, of Chicago, a well-known student of health conditions in the United States. The address relates to very striking and interesting statistics which I believe would be valuable.

Mr. JONES. What is it about?

Mr. RANDELL. It is an address on public health by Miss Susanna Cocroft delivered before the Conservation Congress. It is a very valuable address.

Mr. SMITH of Georgia. I wish to ask the Senator if he will not consent to have it made a public document instead of printing it in the RECORD. The RECORD really ought to be the record of what is said actually in the Senate rather than of outside matters.

Mr. RANDELL. That will be satisfactory, Mr. President.

Mr. WORKS. The Senator from Utah [Mr. Smoot] is not here. He has insisted that all such matters should be referred to the Committee on Printing. I suggest that that had better be done.

Mr. RANDELL. Very well.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The address will be referred to the Committee on Printing.

WATER POWER DEVELOPMENT.

Mr. HUSTING submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill (H. R. 408) to provide for the development of water power and the use of public lands in relation thereto, and for other purposes, which was ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

DESECRATION OF THE AMERICAN FLAG.

Mr. POMERENE. Mr. President, there is a little bill which I should like to call up by unanimous consent. It is the bill (H. R. 14822) to prevent and punish the desecration, mutilation, or improper use, within the District of Columbia, of the flag of the United States of America.

I may state as a reason for making the request at this time that there are many patriotic organizations in the District which have been insisting upon the passage of the bill. It will take only about two minutes to pass it. No amendment to it has been reported from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to which it was referred. If there is no objection, I should like to have it disposed of.

Mr. ROBINSON. What is the bill, let me inquire?

Mr. POMERENE. It is a bill providing against the desecration of the flag in the District. I ask unanimous consent that it be taken up.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. Let the bill be read first, Mr. President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The bill will be read.

The Secretary read the bill as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That hereafter any person who, within the District of Columbia, in any manner, for exhibition or display, shall place or cause to be placed any word, figure, mark, picture, design, drawing, or any advertisement of any nature upon any flag, standard, colors or ensign of the United States of America; or shall expose or cause to be exposed to public view any such flag, standard, colors or ensign upon which shall have been printed, painted or otherwise placed, or to which shall be attached, appended, affixed or annexed any word, figure, mark, picture, design or drawing, or any advertisement of any nature; or who, within the District of Columbia, shall manufacture, sell, expose for sale or to public view or give away or have in possession for sale or to be given away or for use for any purpose, any article or substance being an article of merchandise, or a receptacle for merchandise or article or thing for carrying or transporting merchandise, upon which shall have been printed, painted, attached or otherwise placed a representation of any such flag, standard, colors or ensign, to advertise, call attention to, decorate, mark or distinguish the article or substance on which so placed; or who, within the District of Columbia, shall publicly mutilate, deface, defile or defy, trample upon or cast contempt, either by word or act, upon any such flag, standard, colors or ensign, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both, in the discretion of the court. The words "flag, standard, colors, or ensign," as used herein, shall include any flag, standard, colors, ensign or any picture or representation of either, or of any part or parts of either, made of any substance or represented on any substance, of any size, evidently purporting to be either of said flag, standard, colors or ensign of the United States of America or a picture or a representation of either, upon which shall be shown the colors, the stars and the stripes, in any number of either thereof, or of any part or parts of either, by which the average person seeing the same without deliberation may believe the same to represent the flag, colors, standard or ensign of the United States of America.

Mr. SUTHERLAND. Let me ask the Senator from Ohio why the measure is limited to the District of Columbia?

Mr. POMERENE. As the Senator perhaps is aware, there is an association organized for the protection of the flag, and it is said that each of the States has legislated upon this subject.

It was at their suggestion that the bill was prepared in this way, limiting it to the District. I personally would have no objection to making it apply to the entire United States, save and except for the fact that nearly all the States, I think I may say all the States, have legislation upon the subject.

Mr. SUTHERLAND. Have the various States laws in identical terms with this measure?

Mr. POMERENE. Not in identically the same terms.

Mr. SUTHERLAND. It seems to be a pretty comprehensive measure; it covers a great many things; and I would imagine that the laws of the various States would differ quite materially with reference to the particulars.

Mr. POMERENE. They do differ slightly, but it was thought that there was no suitable legislation here in the District. The terms of this proposed law are very comprehensive. I do not think there is any objection to it on that score.

I can see a reason for the objection which the Senator urges, that it should apply to the United States as a whole, but if that should be regarded as necessary, further legislation can be brought in at a later day. I really think it is necessary here in the District.

Mr. SUTHERLAND. It is a little difficult to follow the terms of a bill of this kind from the reading at the desk, and I have not a copy of the bill before me. Very much of it everyone of course agrees to. However, I am not at all sure but that it goes a little too far. The object of the legislation, of course, is to compel respect for the flag and prevent an insult to or desecration of it and not to prevent the use of it in a manner which does not involve anything of that sort.

Mr. POMERENE. Will the Senator speak a little louder? I did not catch his remarks fully.

Mr. McCUMBER. If the Senator will allow me, I should like to ask him a question. Suppose a steamship company plying between the United States and Argentina should see fit to put upon its folders or otherwise an interwoven American and Argentine flag and really use that as their emblem, showing the relation between the two countries, is it not made a crime to print or sell anything of that kind? Or if I want to order a card—

Mr. POMERENE. This applies only to the District.

Mr. McCUMBER. I am speaking of the District of Columbia. Suppose they are being printed here. It seems to me the bill goes too far and would punish a very legitimate use of the American flag. There are many instances in which the American flag might well be placed upon a card showing a respect for it and why make it a criminal offense to display it in any way on anything that happens to be sold? It seems to me that the bill ought to go over until we can read it carefully and understand it more thoroughly, and I will object to its present consideration.

Mr. POMERENE. I will not insist, if there is objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The bill goes over.

FUNERAL OF ADMIRAL DEWEY.

The hour of 10 o'clock and 55 minutes a. m. having arrived, The VICE PRESIDENT. The Senate will proceed to the rotunda of the Capitol.

The Senate, preceded by the Sergeant at Arms and headed by the Vice President and Secretary, proceeded to the rotunda of the Capitol to attend the services at the funeral of Admiral Dewey.

At 11 o'clock and 32 minutes a. m. the Senate returned to its Chamber and the Vice President resumed the chair.

Mr. SMITH of Georgia. I move that the Senate adjourn.

The motion was agreed to, and (at 11 o'clock and 35 minutes a. m.) the Senate adjourned until Monday, January 22, 1917, at 11 o'clock a. m.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SATURDAY, January 20, 1917.

The House met at 10 o'clock and 45 minutes a. m.

The Chaplain, Rev. Henry N. Couden, D. D., offered the following prayer:

We bless Thee, Infinite Spirit Our Heavenly Father, for that quality resident in the soul of man which pours itself out in admiration, praise, and gratitude for the man who conscientiously fulfills his duty, whether in the private walks of life or in a public service for his country. We thank Thee that our Nation is to-day pouring out its gratitude through a rainbow of tears for our departed hero. And we pray that his life and splendid achievements may be an inspiration to us and those who shall come after us, to follow his illustrious example, that departing we may leave the world our debtor, through Him who taught us the glory of a noble life; amen.

THE JOURNAL.

The Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was read and approved.

ROBERT E. LEE.

Mr. DOUGHTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to extend my remarks in the RECORD by printing the speech delivered yesterday by my colleague, Hon. CHARLES M. STEDMAN, on the anniversary of the birth of Gen. Robert E. Lee.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from North Carolina asks unanimous consent to extend his remarks in the RECORD by printing a speech delivered yesterday by his colleague, Maj. STEDMAN, on the life and character of Gen. Robert E. Lee. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

FUNERAL OF ADMIRAL DEWEY.

Mr. KITCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I understand the Senate is waiting for the House to go to the Rotunda to attend the funeral of Admiral Dewey. I suggest that the House, attended by the Sergeant at Arms, now proceed to the Rotunda.

The SPEAKER. The Members of the House in a body will proceed to the Rotunda.

At 10 o'clock and 55 minutes a. m. the House of Representatives, preceded by the Speaker and the Sergeant at Arms, proceeded to the Rotunda, where was held the funeral of George Dewey, Admiral of the Navy.

At 11 o'clock and 30 minutes a. m. the Members of the House of Representatives returned to the Hall, and the Speaker resumed the chair.

HOUR OF MEETING ON MONDAY.

Mr. KITCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns to-day it adjourn to meet at 11 o'clock on Monday.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from North Carolina asks unanimous consent that when the House adjourns to-day it adjourn to meet at 11 o'clock a. m. on Monday. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

By unanimous consent leave of absence was granted—

To Mr. DAVENPORT, for 10 days, on account of important business.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. KITCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 32 minutes a. m.) the House adjourned until Monday, January 22, 1917, at 11 o'clock a. m.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Under clause 1 of Rule XXII, private bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. ADAIR: A bill (H. R. 20345) granting a pension to Malissa Giles Richards; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. ASHBROOK: A bill (H. R. 20346) granting a pension to Albert Helms; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 20347) granting a pension to Frank Logsdon; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. MOORES of Indiana: A bill (H. R. 20348) granting an increase of pension to Mary Pickens; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. STEELE of Pennsylvania: A bill (H. R. 20349) granting an increase of pension to Charles J. Somers; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. TAYLOR of Arkansas: A bill (H. R. 20350) granting an increase of pension to Ernest J. Patton; to the Committee on Pensions.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of Rule XXII, the following petitions and papers were laid on the Clerk's desk and referred as follows:

By Mr. DALE: Memorial of the Humanitarian Cult in favor of the passage of the Susan B. Anthony amendment; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FULLER: Petition of Dr. F. A. Eastman and others, of Rockford, Ill., protesting against increase of postal rates on second-class matter; to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. HAMLIN: Papers to accompany H. R. 19911, for relief of Alphonso G. Anderson; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

SENATE.

MONDAY, January 22, 1917.

The Senate met at 11 o'clock a. m.

The Chaplain, Rev. Forrest J. Prettyman, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, Thou hast made our human responsibility commensurate with the gifts of Thy providence and grace. Thou hast unlocked the treasure house of earth and there stand about us ministers and messengers to do our bidding. Too often we have turned these forces of nature that Thou hast put at our command into instruments of human destruction. Too often Thy winged messengers have carried evil deeds to regions beyond.

We confess before Thee our national sins, and we pray Thee to guide us and guard us and bring us back into harmony with Thy will. May the time speedily come when we shall beat our spears into pruning hooks and our swords into plowshares. Then the peace and glory of God shall be upon this and every land. Then the time shall come when the knowledge and glory of God shall fill the whole world. We ask for Jesus' sake. Amen.

The Journal of the proceedings of Saturday last was read and approved.

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair lays before the Senate a communication from the President of the United States, which will be read.

The Secretary read the communication, as follows:

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, January 21, 1917.

THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

MY DEAR MR. VICE PRESIDENT: There is a communication concerning the foreign relations of the country which I think it my duty to make to the Senate and which I should very much like to make in person. I would be very much obliged if I might be afforded an opportunity to do so to-morrow, the 22d, if it can be arranged without inconvenience to the Senate.

I know of no way other than this informal way in which to convey this wish to the Senators. I have spoken to Senator STONE, the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, about it, and have asked him to confer with you.

Cordially and sincerely, yours,

WOODROW WILSON.

Mr. STONE. Mr. President—

Mr. SMOOT. Will the Senator yield? This is an important question and I think we ought to have a quorum. Some question may arise afterwards and we would save time by getting a quorum here.

Mr. STONE. Very well.

Mr. SMOOT. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Secretary will call the roll.

The Secretary called the roll, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Bankhead	Hitchcock	Norris	Smoot
Beckham	Hollis	Overman	Sterling
Brady	Husting	Page	Stone
Brandegee	James	Pittman	Sutherland
Bryan	Johnson, Me.	Poinexter	Thomas
Catron	Jones	Ransdell	Thompson
Chamberlain	Kenyon	Reed	Townsend
Clark	Kern	Robinson	Vardaman
Culbertson	La Follette	Saulsbury	Warren
Cummins	Lodge	Shafer	Weeks
Dillingham	McCumber	Sheppard	Williams
Fletcher	Martine, N. J.	Shields	Works
Gallinger	Myers	Smith, Ga.	
Hardwick	Nelson	Smith, S. C.	

Mr. OVERMAN. I desire to announce that my colleague [Mr. SIMMONS] is absent on account of sickness. I wish this announcement to stand for the day. My colleague is paired with the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. CLAPP].

Mr. TOWNSEND. I desire to announce the absence of my colleague [Mr. SMITH of Michigan]. On all votes he is paired with the junior Senator from Missouri [Mr. REED]. This announcement may stand for the day.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Fifty-four Senators have answered to the roll call. There is a quorum present.

Mr. GALLINGER. Mr. President, in view of the fact that there were so many Senators absent when the communication from the President was read, I ask that it may again be read.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Secretary will read it.

The Secretary again read the communication.

Mr. GALLINGER. I will venture to inquire of the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations whether, this being a matter touching our foreign relations, we are to be addressed by the President in executive session or in open session?

Mr. STONE. It is not, as I understand the communication, a matter that needs to be presented in executive session.